Course Description

A study of the theological and ecclesial renewal in France in the mid-1950s. Led by such figures as Henri de Lubac, Jean Daniélou, Henri Bouillard, M.-D. Chenu, Yves Congar, and Hans Urs von Balthasar, it was stigmatized as a "new theology" and was considered to have been censured by Pope Pius XII in the encyclical *Humani generis*.

Required Texts [Available for Purchase at Newman Bookstore]


Unless otherwise noted, all other texts will be available through Blackboard.

Course Goals

- To reflect theologically on ‘la nouvelle théologie,’ not least as a window into twentieth- (and twenty-first-) century Catholicism.

- To engage in theological conversations about primary texts that deepen our comprehension of the generative ideas at issue, mainly through the disciplines of careful reading, of questioning and commenting, and of charitable listening and responding to one another in the advancement of learning.

- To write a clear, well-structured paper that has a well-formed thesis, and that creatively uses the readings to progressively build an intellectual argument that supports the thesis in substance and through its coherent conclusion.

- To encounter modern-day “Doctors of the Church” who, while neither infallible nor perfect, serve as models for a theology done in service to the Church and the world.

Course Assignments

- One class presentation (20% of final grade)

- One class presentation on topic of final paper (10% of final grade)
• One 25-30 page term paper on a single issue relating to the course. Student to develop a thesis/argument and a bibliography in consultation with the professor (70% of final grade)

Assessment

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Course Schedule (N.B. Subject to change)

8/30  Introduction: “Separated Theology” and the “New Theology”

9/6    Diagnosis and Prognosis

9/13  The Modernist Crisis

9/20  Le Saulchoir & Fourvière

9/27  Nature and the Supernatural
10/4  Criticisms and Censures

10/11  Tradition

10/18  Scriptural Interpretation

10/25  Liturgy

11/1  Church
Read: Yves Congar, True and False Reform in the Church, pp. 199-347 (optional: pp.19-52).

11/8  Church and World

11/15 Conciliar and Postconciliar Reception of la nouvelle théologie

11/22  NO CLASS – THANKSGIVING DAY

11/29  Research Presentations

12/6  Research Presentations

12/13  Final Paper Due
Expectations and policies

**Academic honesty:** Academic honesty is expected of all CUA students. Faculty are required to initiate the imposition of sanctions when they find violations of academic honesty, such as plagiarism, improper use of a student’s own work, cheating, and fabrication.

The following sanctions are presented in the University procedures related to Student Academic Dishonesty (from [http://policies.cua.edu/academicundergrad/integrityprocedures.cfm](http://policies.cua.edu/academicundergrad/integrityprocedures.cfm)): “The presumed sanction for undergraduate students for academic dishonesty will be failure for the course. There may be circumstances, however, where, perhaps because of an undergraduate student’s past record, a more serious sanction, such as suspension or expulsion, would be appropriate. In the context of graduate studies, the expectations for academic honesty are greater, and therefore the presumed sanction for dishonesty is likely to be more severe, e.g., expulsion. ...In the more unusual case, mitigating circumstances may exist that would warrant a lesser sanction than the presumed sanction.”

Please review the complete texts of the University policy and procedures regarding Student Academic Dishonesty, including requirements for appeals, at [http://policies.cua.edu/academicundergrad/integrity.cfm](http://policies.cua.edu/academicundergrad/integrity.cfm)

**Office Hours**
Office hours are held on MW from 1:00-2:00, and by appointment, in Caldwell 407. Students are encouraged to make appointments to meet for conversation outside of class, and are encouraged to do so at least once during the term in relation to their final paper. Appointments can be arranged in person, by phone (202-319-6506), or by email: RUDDYC@CUA.EDU

**Attendance**
No student may miss more than one class unless there are unusual circumstances, such as serious illness or death (e.g., your own); absences for such reasons as other class assignments and doctor’s appointments will count against your total absences. Final grades will be lowered if the limit is exceeded. Please notify me if you know you will be absent. (You will be asked to withdraw from the course in the event of excessive absences.)

**Participation Expectation**
Students are expected to fully participate in the course through careful preparation of the assigned reading, taking notes on the comments of the professor and graduate student colleagues, and engagement in the discussion through listening, asking questions, and making comments that advance our corporate learning.

**Timeliness of Papers**
Papers are to be submitted on the agreed due date. Failure to do so will result in a point penalty of five (5) points per school day until submitted (Saturdays and Sundays are excluded from the calculation of point penalties).

**Accommodations for students with disabilities:** Any student who feels s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the professor privately to discuss specific needs. Please contact Disability Support Services (at 202-319-5211, Room 207 Pryzbyla Center) to coordinate reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities.

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